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Let us woulder, weary with pining,

What is the hope with which you are shin-

THE ERA OF ELOCUTION

The opening of the Lyceum school of acting has given an impetus to the study of elocution even among those who do not intend to go on the stage. A professor of elocution up town said to a reporter that the majority of his pupils were not stage struck, but took lessons a improve them in speaking and read-

"What class of people take lessons?"
"What class of people take lessons?"
"Why, I have a large class of young society ladies, who come in the middle of the day to avoid being observed. They enter into the study with zeal. 'Teach me how to speak well,' said one; 'I do not care to express passion, hatred, scorn or anything of that kind, but I wish to converse fluently, to narrate an meident with proper onic, to have the correct inflection at the close of each sentence, and above all, to be possessed of sufficient verve to keep from growing of sufficient verve to keep from growing insipid. Can I give a lady verve or chief I don't say no to them; I simply teach them natural methods, and in a few weeks the most awkward have attained a polish of manner and a fluency of speech that are really surprising.
"Ladies with weak voices, after three

or four lessons, summon their energies, practice calisthenics and soon have rich, clear voices, quite a metamorphosis from what they were before they took such healthful exercise. Five or six years ago it was a rare thing for me to have one of the leisure class as a pupil. Now I have a large number. Private tableaux and theatricals cause a few to come to get posted on certain parts, but that is seldom. The majority come for general cultivation."
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"In the afternoon a few dudes and miscellaneous gentlemen come and devote an hour to practice. They have no special aim, and are filling in the time. In the evening the people who mean business attend. They are principally lady school-teachers, and their object is to learn and teach others. Some of them are quite advanced in years, but they display all the interest and vim necessary to master difficult lessons. Like the society ladies, I have no trouble in teaching them, and they make rapid in teaching them, and they make rapid progress as a general thing. I think, though, that some of the younger teachers, have a notion to try the stage at some future time, but they conceal it

"You seem to have more lady pupils

"Oh, yes. Gentlemen who do not think of going on the stage do not care to study elecution. A few bachelors and widowers try to learn how to read short love poems and that class of literature, and hence attend. My great trouble is with the boy who comes because he expects to be an orator some day. His father rather thinks so, and sends him."

Chugging for Suckers.

[Dingman's Ferry (Pa.) Cor. New York Bun.] Chugging for suckers is an ancient re-creation. When the courageous ances-tors of the sucker-chugger of to-day settled down on the rock-ribbed hills of Pike county there was no pickerel nor bass nor perch in the ponds. There were plenty of suckers and bullheads. The former were worthless in the summer, and the latter buried themselves in the mud in the winter. Suckers wouldn't bite through the ice during the season when they were good to eat. One day some one of these first firstlings of the forest cut a hole in the ice on a pond to draw water up in a bucket with a rope to it. While he was looking down into the hole some one else was chop-ping a stick of wood on the ice a short distance away. Immediately following every "chug" of the ax suckers hurried by the hole in schools.

An idea struck the settler. He tled some hooks on the end of a stick and

stuck them down in the hole. When the ax came down and jarred the ice along came the suckers, and he jerked out two big ones the first time he tried. That put an end to the peace and quiet that had always reigned in the sucker family during the winter. Every pond in the whole region was filled with chug-ging parties in less than no time, and the cabins of the settlers became savory with the smell of fried suckers. Their descendants may have degenerated in many things, but when it comes to upand-up scientific chugging for suckers

An Infant of the Modern Athens.

(Orake's Traveler's Magazine.)
'I saw a beautiful little baby on the street to-day," observed Miss Gusher.

"Did you speak to it?" "Indeed, I did. I tickleed it under the chin and said, "Oh! oo pitty ittle tootsie wootsie."

"What did the baby do?" "Do! It straightened up and yelled like mad. I never saw such a badlybehaved young one. What was the matter with it do you suppose?"

"I don't know, but I suspect it didn't understand you. It probably was a Bos-

A Funeral Feast. [San Francisco Chronicle.]

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A well preserved 1804 cent recently sold in New York for \$200.

[Kanass City Journal]

"While on the subject, seeing we have
ned a very 'cold spell' lately, give me a
prief outline of some remarkable winters of the past and I will not trouble you

of the past and I will not trouble you my more."

"In the year 408, Black sea entirely rozen; 76. Straits of Dardanelle and Black sea frozen solid, snow fifty feet ligh; 823, Danube, Elba and other great avers frozen so hard as to bear heavy sagons for a month; 860, the Adriatic frozen; 981, everything rozen; crops entirely failed, famine and pestilence; 1087, most of the xavelers in Germany frozen to death on the roads; 1134, river Fo frozen from Fremona to the sea, wine sacks were burst, action of frost caused mammoth iros to split with a loud noise; 1287, Danube frozen to the bottom for a long seriod; 1317, total failure of crops in dermany by the intense cold; 1398, ditto in Scotland, famine resulted, poor fed on grass, many perished miserably in the fields; 1368, wine distributed to solliers was cut with hatchets; 1683, excessively cold, coaches drove along the Fhames, ice forty-one inches thick; 1709, about the coldest of all, frost penetrated three yards into the earth; 1716, booths creeted on the Thames; 1744, the strongest ale in England exposed to all powered in less than ten minutes with ice an eighth of an inch thick; 1808, excovered in less than ten minutes with ice an eighth of an inch thick; 1809, ex-cessively cold again. In 1814 there was a fair on the frozen Thames. The exfrom Moscow, in 1812, is too well known to mention."

A Japanese Native Village, belight

At the invitation of Mr. Tannaker Buhicrosan a number of ladies and gentlemen were present at a private view of a native Japanese village which has been constructed under his direction at Albert gate, Hyde park. It covers a considerable area of ground, and is entirely roofed in. No expense has, we believe, been spared to make the village complete in all the necessary dotails and surroundings, and the result has been to produce a very picturesque interior. Suspended from its various shops and houses are Japanese lanterns, which, when lit at night time, must greatly enhance the effect.

hance the effect.
To people the "village" no less than 100 native men and women have been brought from Japan. These represent various trades and industries, and after the exhibition has been opened to the public will be seen in their national cos tume daily, engaged in their different vocations in their native-built shops and houses, as in Japan. The women will also give musical entertainments, while the men will engage in fencing and wrestling. For this purpose a theatre has been fitted up. There is a tea-house, where a 5 o'clock tea will be served, and a Buddhist temple; and, in fact, to quote the words of the official hand-book, "Visitors during a short so-journ in the village can imagine them-selves transplanted to the 'Land of the Rising Sun."

The Indestructibility of Jarrah Wood. [Scientific American.]

In the course of a recent lecture before the Society of Arts, London, by Mr. P. L. Simmonds, he spoke of the excellent qualities of the Australian tree known as the jarrah.

Simonds said he was connected with the timber trade, having had thirty-two years' experience in western Australia. The jarrah wood of that colony was acknowledged, by those who knew its qualities, to be about the next thing to everlasting, and he hoped that In the next year a few cargoes would come to England. Almost everything in western Australia was made of this timber, work-boxes, pianofortes, buildings, wharves, and jetties; it seemed to defy all known forms of decay and was untouched by white ants and all other insects, so that ships built of it did not require to be

coppered. It had been used above ground and below, in almost every situation in which timber could be placed, and was durable in all. On the table was a specimen from a tree cut thirty-two years ago, which had lain on the sur-face nearly all that time; it had been exposed to bush fires every two or three years, to the sun during summer, to wind and rain during the wet season, and was as sound now as the day it was

> A Polloe Force of Auts. [Popular Science News.]

A queer way of employing ants is re-ported by an English gentleman who has been traveling through one of the provinces of China. It appears that, in many parts of the province of Canton, the orange trees are infested by worms; and, to rid themselves of these pests, the natives bring ants into the orange ries from the neighboring hills. The ants are trapped by holding the mouth of a lard bladder to their nests. They are then placed among the branches of the orange trees, where they form colonies; and bamboo rods are laid from tree to tree, to enable the ants to move throughout the orangery.

A Novel Apple Dumpling. [Boston Budget.]

A correspondent tells of a highly delectable apple dumpling, each piece of apple which it contains being a different variety. In this way he tests the stewing qualities of many different varieties of apples. The different pieces are marked by piercing them in different directions with one or more pieces of broomcorn brush.

Conventionalism. [New Orleans Pleavune.]

Conventionalism rules the world. In the conversation of these who are ordinarily called cultivated people the same narily called cultivated people the same old cut and dried opinion, the same old stock of silent quotations, and set phrases even, are reported ad nauseam. One might suppose that people got their talk as the parvenu does his manners, out of a hand-book of etiquette.

Normandy Poplars.

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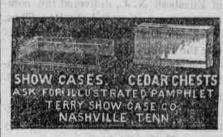
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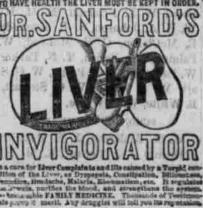
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